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For: METHOD FOR BALANCING
A VEHICLE DRIVESHAFT

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PRELIMINARY REPLY

Honorable Sir:

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claim 44 defines the invention as a method of manufacturing a driveshaft that is balanced for rotation about an axis wherein a rotatably unbalanced driveshaft and the balance weight are moved toward one another such that (1) a first portion of the adhesive material is disposed between the rotatably unbalanced driveshaft and the balance weight at a location for balancing the rotatably unbalanced driveshaft for rotation about an axis and (2) a second portion of the adhesive material is not disposed between the rotatably unbalanced driveshaft and the balance weight. The second portion of the adhesive material is initially cured to temporarily retain the balance weight on the rotatably unbalanced driveshaft. Subsequently, the first portion of the